Target for global food trade

2294. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that though India is one of the major food producers in the world, it has a negligible 1 per cent share in the global food trade;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government has fixed **a** target of 3 per cent by year 2015; and

(c) if so, the steps Government propose to take to achieve the target in global food trade?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) Yes, Sir. According to Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) Trade Year Book 2003, India's share in global food trade is 0.76%

(b) Exports being dependent on a host of factors, including external, no targets as such are or can be fixed.

(c) Does not arise.

Setting up of industries in. Andhra Pradesh

2295. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) details of the major industries that have been set up in Andhra Pradesh in the last seven years; and

(b) steps taken by Government to extend financial assistance to major industries which are on the brink of closure?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) 38 Major Industries have been set up in Andhra Pradesh in the last seven years with an investment of Rs.7936 crore. The main areas of investment are power generation, cement, steel, sugar, bulk drugs, petroleum products, paper, industrial explosives and compressors